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SUBJECT: CWC: POLAND SUPPORTS U.S. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF
100 PERCENT DESTRUCTION DEADLINE

REF: STATE 179253

Classified By: Political Counselor Mary Curtin, reasons 1.4(b) and (d)

¶1. (C) Post provided reftel talking points November 2 to Janusz Wawrzyniuk, CWC action officer in the MFA Security Policy Department. Wawrzyniuk responded on November 6, stating that the MFA was prepared to support fully the U.S. request for an extension to April 29, 2012 of the CWC 100 percent destruction deadline. Wawrzyniuk indicated that formal position was still being consulted in the GOP interagency, but he was confident of the outcome. He expected the Polish CWC delegate to receive instructions in time to present the GOP position at the November 7 session of the OPCW Executive Council.

¶2. (C) Wawrzyniuk commented that the decision to back the U.S. request was not difficult for the GOP, as it fell completely within the legal framework of the CWC. He also noted that U.S. endorsement of the UK proposal on annual EC visits to U.S. destruction facilities went a long toward addressing any concerns that EU member states might have about transparency.

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